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Joint Conference in Beaumont Strives to Improve Maritime Security for Eastern District's Busiest Waterways

A joint Sabine-Neches Area Security Director, Jay Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) and Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council (ATAC) meeting was held on July 14, 2004 at the John Gray Center located on the campus of Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

The conference was designed to provide the latest terrorism intelligence to the membership and addressed local port security issues and initiatives that relate to this period of heightened awareness.

The conference was well attended by over 150 participants and featured Texas Homeland

Security Director, Jay Kimbrough, as the keynote speaker and Houston FBI Special Agent in Charge, Roderick L. Beverly.

The primary mission of both the AMSC and the ATAC is to prevent and deter terrorist attacks.

The Chairperson of the AMSC is Captain Sharon Richey of the United States Coast Guard.

The ATAC is led by United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig and is coordinated by Assistant U.S. Attorney, Brit Featherston.



“HOO RAH”

A MAN FOR ALL MISSIONS

Jay Kimbrough, Texas Director of Homeland Security

Jay Kimbrough, a decorated Marine combat veteran (Vietnam War), has dedicated his life to public service in a variety of roles in federal, state and local government since 1966.

Mr. Kimbrough's public service has been both varied and significant. He has served tours in the United States Marine Corps and as a lawyer in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps. He has worked as a County Attorney, a Special Prosecutor, a drug task force legal advisor and has been a County Judge. Governor Bill Clements thought so much of Kimbrough that he appointed him to serve as director of a state agency as well as Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice for the State of Texas.

Mr. Kimbrough attended Southern Methodist University earning a B.B.A. in 1973. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law in Houston in 1977. Mr. Kimbrough is very proud of the fact that all his educa-

tion was obtained through the G.I. Bill.

In June 2001, Governor Rick Perry appointed Jay Kimbrough as the Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Division where he has also served on the Governor's senior staff. In May 2002, Governor Perry called on Kimbrough again, this time to serve as Deputy Chief of Staff with oversight responsibilities for Homeland Security, Public Safety and Criminal Justice.

In December 2003, Governor Perry appointed Jay Kimbrough to serve as the Director of the Office of Homeland Security for Texas. In this capacity, Mr. Kimbrough plans for and oversees the coordination of the state's law enforcement and emergency response to internal and external threats to the state. Clearly, the job is an enormous task that calls for a person with enormous abilities. That person is Jay Kimbrough and the State of Texas is better for it.

On July 14th, 2004, Mr. Kimbrough addressed the Joint Area Maritime Security

Committee and Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council meeting at the John Gray Center on the campus of Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. The meeting is a consortium composed of government employees and private citizens who represent entities that are dedicated to terrorism prevention and preparedness. Mr. Kimbrough will detail the state of Texas' ongoing efforts to better coordinate anti-terrorism planning and preparedness between local, state and federal and private entities. He will also discuss the Federal Department of Homeland Security and how this new agency will function in coordination with the states.

Mr. Kimbrough's long history of dedication to public service clearly makes him the man for this mission - I am delighted that he will be spending some valuable time with the AMSC and the ATAC during this critical period of preparation as we continue to gird ourselves in the long struggle and fight against terrorism.



Coast Guard's Commanding Officer Welcomes Attendees to Joint Security Meeting

The Golden Triangle is very fortunate to have Captain Sharon Richey as Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Marine Safety Office in Port Arthur.

Since arriving in Texas in 2003, Captain Richey has increased the size of the USCG service in the area and has displayed strong community oriented leadership to secure our ports and infrastructure.

She is also the Chairperson of the Sabine-Neches Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC).

Captain Richey is scheduled to open the AMSC and Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council's joint meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2004 at the John Gray Center on the Lamar University campus in Beaumont.



Captain Sharon Richey,
Commanding Officer of
the Coast Guard Marine
Safety Office, Port Arthur

Houston FBI SAC Addresses Security Meeting



Roderick L. Beverly,
Special Agent in Charge
of the Houston Field
Office of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas is pleased to welcome Houston FBI SAC Roderick L. Beverly to the area. Beverly will address participants at the Joint Meeting of the Sabine-Neches Area Maritime Security Committee and the Anti-Terrorism Council in Beaumont.

Beverly was named by FBI Director Robert Mueller in March 2004 as the Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Houston Field Office. Beverly, a native of North

Carolina, entered on duty with the FBI in 1982 and had been assigned to various field offices throughout the United States, as well as Puerto Rico and Bogotá, Columbia. In February 2002, Director Mueller named Beverly to be the SAC of the Office of International Operations, overseeing Legal Attaché Offices in over 50 foreign countries. That same year, he was the recipient of a Presidential Rank Award for sustained meritorious accomplishments in the FBI's Senior Executive Service.

Agents Receive Eagles for Shutting Down Street Gang

"We have been able to significantly reduce gang activities, and provide a boost to the overall security of the community because of the cooperative spirit of law enforcement."

— US Attorney Matt Orwig



Left to right, Tyler Police Detectives, Ricky Graham, Chris Miller and Richard Cashell, ATF Special Agent Grover Crossland, and FBI Special Agent Garrett Floyd proudly display their Eagle Awards presented to them by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Texas.

Five area lawmen have been awarded the prestigious Eagle Award from the U.S. Attorney's Office for their extraordinary efforts shutting down a violent street gang. An FBI agent, ATF agent and three detectives from the Tyler Police Department were recognized for their outstanding contributions on July 7, 2004, at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tyler. United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig presented the awards during the ceremony to FBI Special Agent Garret Floyd, ATF Special Agent Grover Crossland, and Tyler Police Department Detectives Richard Cashell, Ricky Graham and Christopher Miller.

The lawmen conducted an 18-month investigation code named "Operation Sundown," which targeted the violent criminal activities of the East Side Locos street gang. The gang operated in the Tyler area where they were involved in several murders, attempted murders, drug and weapons trafficking, more than 250 commercial and residential burglaries, as well as witness intimidation. Working with federal prosecutors Bill Baldwin and Allen Hurst, their investigative work paid off as 11 leaders of the gang were sent to federal prison with sentences ranging from five years to 130 years.

Orwig praised the lawmen for their cooperation and dedication, "This case illustrates the effectiveness of cooperation. We have been able to significantly reduce gang activities and provide a boost to the overall security of the community because of the cooperative spirit of law enforcement."

"These awards not only recognize the stellar achievements of these excellent officers and agents," added Orwig, "but they also throw a bright light on the tremendous benefit to our communities when local, state and federal law enforcement agencies partner together."

Eastern District's Meth Initiative Hits the Ground Running



State Senator Tommy Williams addresses law enforcement and media in Beaumont during the roll-out of Methbusters

On Monday, June 28, 2004, the U.S. Attorney's Office hosted local, state and federal law enforcement across the District to publicly announce the formation of Methbusters.

Press conferences were held simultaneously in Beaumont, Tyler and Sherman to introduce the aggressive initiative, which will address the growing problem of methamphetamine in East Texas. State Senator Tommy Williams of Beaumont and Representative Larry Phillips of Sherman joined the law enforcement communities for the announcement.

As part of the Methbusters initiative, U.S. Attorney Matt Orwig an-

nounced 42 defendants had been indicted on fed-



Law enforcement officers and prosecutors gather to announce the Eastern District's methamphetamine initiative, *Methbusters*

eral charges related to methamphetamine manufacture and distribution. Two defendants were arrested by complaint for a total of forty-four defendants. There were nine indictments returned by United States Grand Juries sitting in Sherman, Tyler and Beaumont.

U.S. Attorney Orwig said, "Methamphetamine is destroying lives in East Texas. This office is committed to disrupting the supply of this deadly drug."

Methbusters is designed to attack the methamphetamine scourge as the United States Attorney's Office teams with law enforcement to prosecute not only those who manufacture and distribute the drug, but also insure wholesale distributors of pseudoephedrine are following DEA requirements.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Maureen Smith leads the Methbusters initiative under the direction of United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig.



Eastern District Well Represented at Project Safe Neighborhoods National Conference



Grayson County District Attorney Joe Brown is greeted by Attorney General John Ashcroft at the PSN National Conference.

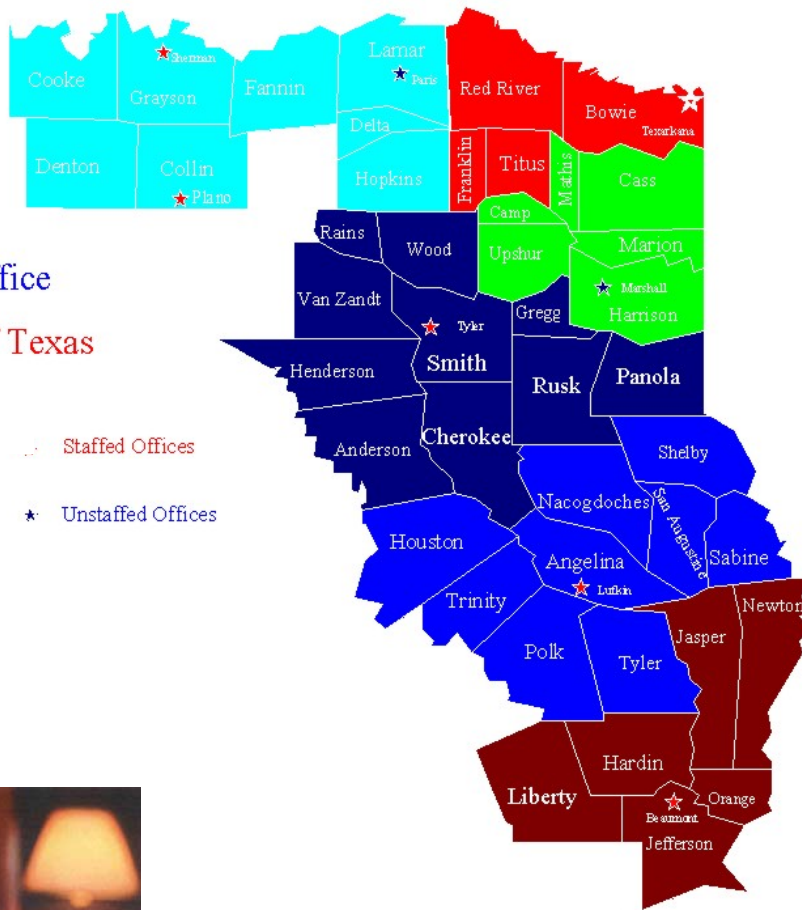
Delegates from the Eastern District of Texas met with United States Attorney General John Ashcroft at the Project Safe Neighborhoods National Conference in Kansas City, MO, June 15-17, 2004.

Back row, left to right, Special Agent Quo Mitchell, Beaumont ATF; Dr. Peter Phillips, University of Texas at Tyler; Dr. Barbara Hart, UT-Tyler; Deputy Chief Weldon Dunlap, Beaumont Police Department; and Special Agent in Charge Donnie A. Carter, Houston ATF. Front row, left to right, Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Ann Cozby, Tyler; Attorney General Ashcroft; First Assistant U.S. Attorney Becky Gregory, Plano; and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Lisa Flournoy, Lufkin.

The group met with other federal, state, and local law enforcement officers and prosecutors to discuss efforts to reduce and prosecute gun crime. The Department of Justice sponsored the conference.

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U.S. Attorney Matt Orwig

"The US Attorney is energetic and enthusiastic about his job. He has a clear vision of where he wants the USAO to be and carefully considers his options..."

-National Evaluation Team, USDOJ

*Excerpt from the May, 2003, EARS
Review of the Eastern District*



**First Assistant
Becky Gregory,**
housed in the Plano
office, oversees the
daily operations of the
District.



**Criminal Chief
Malcolm Bales,**
runs the Criminal
Division from the
Lufkin office.



**Civil Chief Randi
Russell,** housed in
the Tyler office, also
serves as the FLU
Chief.

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